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Filing Date	February 19, 1999
First Named Inventor	Keisuke OGURO
Art Unit	1713
Examiner Name	Fred Zitomer
Attorney Docket Number	1217-990257

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.
1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. Previously submitted i. Consider the amendment(s)/referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other b. A mendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Petition For Extension of Time 2. Miscellaneous a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i) required) b. Other 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) iii. Chersion of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) iiii. Other b. Checks in the amounts of \$ 750.00 and 930.00 are enclosed to cover the Petition For Extension of Time and RCE fees. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.
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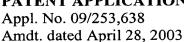
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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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